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1. FESTIVE, POLITICALLY ORIENTED SEPTEMBER 9 CELEBRATION OF IZMIR'S LIBERATION IN 1922 FROM GREEKS DREW CROWDS AND PARTICIPATION AT LEAST AS LARGE AS LAST YEAR (REFTEL). DURING PASS-BY OF MILITARY UNITS SPECTATORS OVERHEARD SHOUTING "ARMY TO GREECE.... ARMY TO GREECE." CELEBRATION (AND ITS COUNTERPARTS ON PRECEDING DAYS IN AYDIN AND MANISA) DREW SIX JP CABINET MINISTERS (OZTURK, KARAC, MENTESE, ERDEN, KILIK AND EREK) AND SEVERAL NSP MINISTERS LED BY DEPPRIMIN ERBAKAN.

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2. RPP FIELDDED LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY ELEMENT (AS IT DID LAST YEAR), COMPOSED MOSTLY OF YOUNG PEOPLE LED BY PROVINCIAL PARTY OFFICIALS AND IZMIR DEPUTIES SULEYMAN GENC AND MAHMUT TURKMENOGLU. SHOUTED SLOGANS AND PLACARDS HAILED ECEVIT AND CONDEMNED NATIONAL FRONT GOVT (NFG) AND ESPECIALLY DEP PRIMIN TURKES. RPP SEEMED DRAW GREATEST MEASURE OF SPECTATOR APPROVAL.

3. RADICAL LEFTIST GULTEPE MAYOR AYDIN ERTEN, RECENTLY OUSTED  
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FROM RPP, LED SEPARATE ELEMENT REPRESENTING HIS IZMIR SUBURB,

PREDOMINATELY COMPOSED OF YOUTHS WHO RAISED CLENCHED LEFT FISTS AND SHOUTED CHARACTERISTIC MILITANT LEFTIST, ANTI-GOV'T. SLOGANS. (IZMIR GOVERNOR AND MILITARY IN REVIEWING STAND CONSPICUOUSLY SAT DOWN AS GULTEPE CONTINGENT PASSED SHOUTING "MURDERER DEMIREL" AND "ECEVIT FOR THE PEOPLE"--HALKCI ECEVIT).

4. SECOND LARGEST PARTY ELEMENT APPEARED BE JP, WHICH ALSO INCLUDED PROVINCIAL PARTY OFFICIALS AND A SENATOR (KOR) AND DEPUTIES (ADIL, OSMAN, AND TASLI). ITS THEMES EMPHASIZED NFG ACHIEVEMENTS AND MARXIST TENDENCIES OF RPP.

5. NAP AND THIRD LARGEST PARTY ELEMENT, INCLUDING IDEALIST HEARTH MEMBERS AND THEIR WORKER COUNTERPARTS, KARATE TEAMS, ETC.,

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CARRYING PORTRAITS OF PARTY LEADER TURKES AND PLACARDS GLORIFYING HISTORICAL TURKISH THEMES; THEY SHOUTED ANTI-COMMUNIST SLOGANS AND PARADES'S ONLY RPT ONLY REPORTED NEAR-SCUFFLE OCCURED WHEN SOME SIX NAP YOUTHS BROKE RANKS UNSUCCESSFULLY TO CHASE SEVERAL YOUNG SPECTATORS SHOUTING ANTI-TURKES EPITHETS.

6. NSP ELEMENT MARCHED WITHOUT SLOGANEERING, CONSERVATIVELY DRESSED AND CHIEFLY MIDDLE-AGED. PLACARDS GAVE NAMES OF FACTORIES INAUGURATED BY ERBAKAN AND ISLAMIC THEMES.

7. RADICAL LEFTIST TURKISH WORKERS (EMEKCI) PARTY (TEP) FIELDLED ESTIMATED 200 MARCHERS WHO ONLY RPT ONLY PARADE ELEMENT NOTED VOICING ANTI-U.S. THEMES, E.G. "AMERICANS GET OUT OF TURKEY".0 "DAMN AMERICA", "TURKIFY THE BASES"; TEP MARCHERS, WHO WERE VOCALLY CONDEMNED BY SOME BYSTANDERS AND IGNORED BY THE REST, ALSO CALLED "NO TO NATO". (TWO DAYS PREVIOUSLY MIHRI BELLI, TEP NATIONAL PRESIDNET, APPLIED PERSONALY TO IZMIR GOVERNOR FOR PERMIT TO PROTEST OPPRESSION OF PALESTINIANS AS TEP HAD IN ISTANBUL AUGUST 29--AND WAS REFUSED. IZMIR POLICE REPORTEDLY FEARED TEP WOULD PROVOKE DISTURBANCE DURING SEPT. 9 PARADE OR HOLD SEPARATE DEMO.)

8. LAST POLITICAL PARTY IN PARADE WAS TURKISH LABOR PARTY,

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WHOSE GROUP OF 100 CARRIED ANTI-NFG, PRO-SOCIALIST ANTI-NATO UNCLASSIFIED

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THEMES.

9. AS OBSERVED ABOVE, DESPTIE PRONOUNCED, DISPUTATIOUS POLITICAL ATMOSPHERE, UNLIKE LAST YEAR PARADE PROVOKED NO VIOLENT ENCOUNTERS. THERE WERE NO RPT NO OUTOWARD ENCOUNTERS INVOLVING IZMIR'S LARGE U.S. COMMUNITY.

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